Although no such threats have been received by the Government, adequate steps are taken by the Government to ensure the security of the airports.

Sale of banned drugs in India

649. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drugs banned in the advanced countries are available in India;

(b) if so what are the names of these drugs;

(c) whether any of the drugs banned by WHO are also available in our country; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) to (d) Out of the 44 drugs reported by the WHO to be withdrawn in some countries, Government have taken action to withdraw 11 drugs from the Indian market. 26 drugs were not at all approved for being marketed in India and the remaining 7 drugs, namely, (i) Nitrofuran Compounds, (ii) Phenformin, (iii) Hudroxyquinoline derivative, (iv) higher dose Lynestrenol products, (v) Piperazine, (vi) Phenylbutazone|Oxyphenbutazone and (vii) Analgin were allowed for continued marketing in the country in consultation with the experts|expert bodies like Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) subject to a cautionary statement and contra-indication being given on the label| package insert in some cases. While these 7 drugs are reported to be withdrawn in some countries they continue to be marketed in a number of countries including the developed ones.

The decision to withdraw a drug from the market is taken in consultation with the experts|expert bodies. The experts consider the benefit-risen ratio of the drug in the Indian population, the availability of safer substitutes, the prevalence of disease pattern, reported incidence of any adverse reaction to the drugs in Indian population etc. before they opine on witndrawal of a drug. The WHO per se does not ban drug. It only transmits information of withdrawal of drugs to its member countries.

CMD of M/s. Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd.

650. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the reasons for allowing the present Chairman-cum-Managaing Director of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. to continue in the said capacity for over 13 years, particularly in view of several allegations made from time to time against him and the management of the value of over 100 crores of rupees ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): The present Chairman-cum-Managing Director of HPF was appointed as CMD in 1985 on merits. The allegations received against him were not found to be based on facts.

भारत कोकिंग कोल लि० के अध्यक्ष-सह-प्रबंध निदेशक द्वारा कोयले की बिक्री में अनियमितताएं

651. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह** : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत कोकिंग कोल लि० (भा०को० लि०) के अध्यक्ष-सह-प्रबंध निदेशक ई०एफ० श्रेणी खुली बिक्री का अधिकांश कोयला श्री रमेश गांधी को बेच देते हैं और उनके जरिये वह यह कोयला जिसकी दर 209 रुपये प्रति टन है, 600 रुपये प्रति टन की दर से बेच देते हैं और इस तरह करोड़ों रुपया अपनी जेब में भर लेते हैं जिससे सरकारी राजकोष को प्रति वर्ष कोई 20 करोड़ रुपये का घाटा होता है ;